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NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 08/04/2004 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 06/07/2004 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application. Replies should be mailed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450.

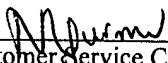
The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
 - The drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch). See Figures(s) FIG 8.

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

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Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith is a copy of my August 4, 2004 response to Notice to File Corrected Application Papers containing one set (nine sheets, Figures 1A-1B, 2A-2B, 3A-3B, 4A-4B, 5A-5B, 6A-6B and 7A-7B) of formal drawings for filing in the above-identified patent application. Apparently, the Office of Initial Patent Examination Division mishandled my response when scanning the documents. As you can see from the August 4, 2004 response, my documents complied with all the stated regulations. As such, I see no reason for obtaining an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) because my response was correctly and timely filed and human error in your department was most likely the cause of this response. If your office disagrees, I ask that someone (preferably in a management position) please contact the undersigned so we may discuss. A copy of the Notice of Incomplete Reply is enclosed.

Dated: August 30, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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